



Louise Kelly, 'whatdotheyknow.com'

2nd March 2016

Dear Ms Kelly,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request of 4th February 2016 requesting information on the Housing Selection Scheme. I can confirm that your request has been processed as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your email includes a request for information which reads as follows:

"Dear Northern Ireland Housing Executive,

The Department for Social Development, in its public information on the Housing Selection Scheme (<https://www.dsdni.gov.uk/housing-selection-scheme>), refers to the Housing Executive's Housing Selection Scheme Manual and cautions that the Department's own public information should be read in conjunction with this manual.

I am unable to find a public copy of this document and would like to request the same under the Freedom of Information Act.

If you are unable to disclose this document, please explain why this manual, which governs the award of points and systems used to allocate social housing, a public resource, is not available to members of the public."

In relation to the document mentioned in your request which should be read in conjunction with the DSD's information, please find attached the Housing Executive's Housing Selection Scheme manual as used by staff in the assessment and administration of the Housing Selection Scheme which comprises chapters 1 to 10. Please note that this is a living document and subject to amendment at any time. Due to the size of the document it may be necessary to send the information in stages.

If you feel that the information provided does not fully meet your request, please telephone 028 90318252 in the first instance. You have the right to request a formal

review by the Housing Executive within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to do so, please write to:

The Access to Information Manager
Communications
6th Floor
The Housing Centre
2 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8PB

Alternatively, you can email the FOI Team at records@nihe.gov.uk .

If after such an internal review you are still dissatisfied with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colm McQuillan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Colm McQuillan
Assistant Director
Landlord Housing Services